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ON STRIKE!

Uni staff walk out today over pay disputes

By **Adam Flinn**
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STAFF at the city's two universities - Oxford and Oxford Brookes - are set to strike today, as a result of an ongoing dispute over pay.

Workers in higher education across the country represented by The University and College Union (UCU), Unison and Unite will walk out today, as a response to a below-inflation pay rise.

They have been offered a pay increase of one per cent, at a time when pay and benefits for university leaders rose by more than £5,000 in 2011-12.

Oxford's UCU president, Terry Hoad, said that action was necessary as there has been a reduction in wages compared to inflation levels of 13 per cent since 2008.

He said: "The employers have been repeatedly unwilling to get properly to grips with us over the issues we've raised.

"It's also significant that this year is the first time the three main unions in the sector have all agreed to do this.

"In the past it's tended to have been UCU alone which has taken action over things, but there's unity this year, which shows that this has to stop.

"There could be more strikes [in the future]. We don't want that, and we would be delighted here and now if the employers were to come and talk to us.

"It would be necessary if we did not get an acceptable response from the employers, and ultimately more full strike action would be what we'd have to resort to."

Unison's head of higher education Jon Richards said: "Our members are upset and angry – this one per cent offer is simply not good enough.

"The work of support staff is essential for the smooth running of universities and they play a vital role supporting students, but many are struggling to survive on low pay.

"The fact that staff are willing to take strike action shows how desperate they feel."

Both Oxford universities said that measures were being put in place to try and reduce the effect on students.

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Couple's blog is a true heartwarmer

WHEN a woman from Oxford started a blog to keep in touch with her army boyfriend while he was in Afghanistan, little did she know it would prove to be a national hit.

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Zoey Peace, who had only been dating Sam Garwood for six months, was so determined to keep her new love's morale high that she started a blog of her day-to-day activities.

She said: "I could tell he was down, so I told him that I'd write to him every day so he wouldn't miss a thing.

"I wanted to make him laugh."

Ms Peace's blog, 'Until February: Me Versus Six Months Without You', gained up to 18,000 hits a day with couples in a similar situation wanting to share the experience of being apart.

This inspired the 26-year-old to use the momentum to help boost troop morale, coming up with the #smilecampbastion initiative which was backed by Prime Minister David Cameron and Ant and Dec.

Ms Peace added: "I wanted to show the soldiers that everyone at home is thinking of them.

"When Number 10 tweeted me, I really couldn't believe it."

She was also spurred on to start fundraising and organised a silent auction for military charities.

The pair met via an online dating website in early 2012 and felt an instant attraction.

Mr Garwood said: "I knew I'd be posted to Afghanistan eventually, but it didn't make it any easier to tell Zoey.

"The amazing thing about her is that she never put any pressure on me and wanted me to go with a clear head."

Mr Garwood has now returned from Afghanistan and the couple are set to marry in December after he popped the question via Skype while on tour.

The couple have now been nominated for the Ultimate Love Story Award at this year's Cosmopolitan Ultimate Women Of The Year Awards, which takes place on December 5.

• *Sam Garwood and Zoey Peace*

Police step up Halloween patrols

POLICE in Oxford are stepping up their patrols for Halloween this evening, to ensure residents' safety and prevent anti-social behaviour.

Area Commander Supt Christian Bunt, his deputy and their team of managers will be on the streets, to help neighbourhood teams carry out additional patrols during the evening.

Supt Bunt said: "We will have an operation in place with resources from the neighbourhood policing teams to help reassure residents during the evening and make sure that everybody behaves themselves.

"Most of these children or teenagers are just getting involved in the Halloween celebrations and will be friendly.

"But we don't want those people intent on causing trouble spoiling the fun for everyone else."

The neighbourhood teams will be supported by officers from the mounted section, along with CID officers patrolling the streets.

Police have also issued advice for people alone at home this evening, such as not opening the door if they are unsure who is there.

They also suggest having a contact number for a relative or friend nearby, so they can be called quickly and easily if they need to be.

'A massive step forward for young people and our country'

PRIME Minister David Cameron was at MINI Plant Oxford earlier this week to announce the government's intention to deliver new and improved apprenticeships.

Mr Cameron addressed over 500 young people at the factory in Cowley on Monday, informing them that young people will get "more chances and choices in life".

It was announced that employers will be put in the driving seat and ensure high quality training will be delivered to young people while help will be on hand to those preparing for an apprenticeship or wanting to go straight into work.

Mr Cameron said: "Taken together, these two things aren't a cure at all.

"They're not going to abolish youth unemployment overnight.

"But this is a massive step forward for young people and for our country."

Changes to apprenticeships have been made under the Richard Review.

It will include simplifying the current system, increasing the quality of what is being offered and rigourous academic assessments which would include stepping up the requirements for maths and English.

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A long voyage

A MAN raising money for an Oxford charity has begun his 4,000 mile expedition across the Atlantic.

Richard Mayon-White is aiming to raise £40,000, to be split between Sobell House Hospice and the national charity Sail 4 Cancer, by sailing from Gibraltar to Florida.

His voyage will take him down the western coast of Saharan Africa, before arriving at the Tropic of Cancer and heading west to finish at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Cyclist appeal

POLICE are trying to trace a cyclist involved in a road traffic collision in Cowley, in order to return her bike.

At 2.15pm on October 2, a woman was cycling in Barracks Lane when she fell off her bicycle, and was taken to hospital with head injuries.

The bicycle is currently stored at Cowley Police Station and is ready to be collected by its owner. Anyone with information should contact PCSO Jan Billingham on 101.

Duo charged

A MAN and a woman have been charged by Thames Valley Police with possession of an offensive weapon and wounding with intent after an assault in Oxford.

The pair, from Oxford, were charged following an incident at Longlands Road in the city on October 19 where a 25-year-old man sustained arm injuries.

They appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Monday for a preliminary hearing.

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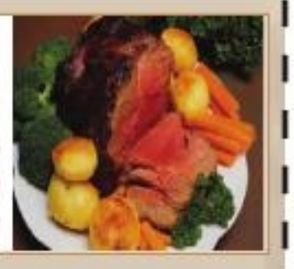

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Ex-bank manager in pensioner fraud shame

A FORMER bank manager who worked at the Barclays branch in Oxford has been ordered to pay £25,000 after he defrauded a pensioner out of his life savings.

Christopher Walsh, 48, from Banbury Road in Kidlington, stole £70,000 from the victim's bank account, and also stole a cheque for £20,000 from the sale of stock that belonged to the pensioner between 2007 and 2011.

This occurred while Walsh worked in Oxford, and after he had befriended the 80-year-old while managing his bank accounts and completing his tax returns.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Police began an investigation into Walsh in June 2012 and contacted the victim, who was unaware his money had been stolen before being informed by officers.

Walsh was sentenced to three and a half years in prison at Oxford Crown Court back in June, after pleading guilty to five counts of fraud by abuse of position and one count of theft.

The Thames Valley Police Economic Crime Unit (ECU) began a separate investigation into Walsh's finances, and to try and recover the money.

A confiscation hearing took place at Oxford Crown Court last Thursday, where investigators showed that Walsh had a share of equity in a property worth £25,500, but no other assets.

Accredited financial investigator Nicola Roberts, from the ECU, said: "This was a despicable crime.

"Walsh targeted someone who he had known for nearly 20 years and robbed them of a considerable amount of money.

"Although the full amount is not available to be repaid to the victim as Walsh had already spent it, I am pleased that he will get some of his cash returned to him.

"I hope this will go some way to helping him get over Walsh's betrayal of trust."

The judge ordered that Walsh must repay the £25,000 within six months, or face a further 12 months in prison and pay the money at a later date.

It will be paid back to the victim and the Coventry Building Society, who fully recompensed their customer once they became aware of the fraud.

'Super' month for residential approval...

OXFORD City Council is labelling September a "super" month after 1,204 residential units were approved for planning permission.

Sites at Barton West, Luther Court, Barns Road, Westland Drive, Dora Carr Close, Lawn Upton House and Barton Road received planning permission during September.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, said: "The amount of approvals that have been going through the planning process is fantastic.

"We have had a really super month for new housing development approval.

"There is enormous demand across all forms of tenure in Oxford so this is all very welcome."

Cllr Seamons continued: "Oxford has enormous demand for affordable housing as the costs of renting and/or buying privately are very high.

"There are currently more than 4,500 households on the Council's housing waiting list.

"We can now move forward with providing housing that benefits residents and helps to address Oxford's housing shortfall."

Fire chief reassures public ahead of strike

• *Oxfordshire's chief fire officer Dave Etheridge*

OXFORDSHIRE'S chief fire officer has reassured the public that emergency calls will be answered during two more planned periods of strike action.

The Fire Brigade's Union are set to walk out over a nationwide dispute about pay and pension reforms from 6.30pm to 11pm tomorrow and 6am to 8am on November 4.

A mixture of non-striking full-time firefighters and on-call personnel will be used to cover the latest planned strikes.

Chief fire officer Dave Etheridge said: "I would like to reassure the public that during the latest planned strike periods their Fire and Rescue Service will continue to answer and deal with every 999 call it receives."

Mr Etheridge has also highlighted practical steps people can take to keep homes safe during the planned strikes.

"I want to press home the simple things people can undertake to help me keep Oxfordshire as safe as possible during the industrial action," he said.

"Ensuring your smoke alarm works; checking your electrical sockets are not overloaded; making sure your vehicles are road-safe by checking tyre pressures - these are all easy but significant preventative tasks that people can do." Fire Service control room staff will not be affected and will continue as normal.

Top doc set to be honoured

A RADIOGRAPHER from Oxford has landed a prestigious award after doing all he can to improve the patient experience.

Philip Martindale, who is a specialist cardiac radiographer at the John Radcliffe Hospital, will be named the South Eastern Radiographer of the Year at a ceremony at the House of Commons in November.

Mr Martindale has worked in the department for 11 years and Adele Roberts, who made the nomination for the award, said "it has been a better place since the momentous day he started".

She added: "We are privileged to have Philip at the hospital and I hope that this award finally gives him the credit he is due."

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City council to get £200k eco transport boost

OXFORD City Council is set to receive almost £200,000 of funding to upgrade 11 buses and cut the pollution that the vehicles produce.

The funding was announced by transport minister Baroness Kramer, with money being given to five local authorities in total.

It comes after an assessment of bids following the launch of the Clean Bus Technology Fund back in June, with 31 authorities nationally bidding for up to £1m of funding.

A spokesperson for the city council said: "The funding will go to Guide Friday City Sightseeing buses operated by Tom Tappin Ltd. The company will pay for the additional operating and maintenance costs of approximately £21,000 per year, together with capital costs in excess of the grant.

"This will include in-cab driving aids that help drivers to improve their driving style, and reduce CO2 emissions."

Baroness Kramer said: "This extra funding means more buses can be cleaned up so that they put out less pollution.

"I look forward to seeing the results of all the initiatives under the Clean Bus Technology Fund, and I hope other local authorities will follow suit."

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Child death woman charged 16 years on

A WOMAN accused of the murders of two children in Oxford over 16 years ago has been refused bail following a hearing at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Fiaz Munshi, of Manley Road, Oldham, Lancashire, is facing murder charges of siblings Majid Khan, 15, and eight-year-old Anum Khan.

They were killed in an arson attack on their family home in Magdalen Road on August 26, 1997, when petrol was squirted through the letterbox before a lit match was posted through.

Five men were sentenced to life in prison for the murders following the trial in 1998, and at the time the court was told that Munshi had left the UK for Pakistan.

Munshi was subsequently arrested in Oldham on October 22, after an investigation by Thames Valley Police's major crime unit.

Mehfooz Khan, mother of Majid and Anum, said: "As a mother of these beautiful innocent children, I have been waiting for 16 years for this day.

"I have not been able to visit my son and daughter [at their grave site] since they were innocently taken away from me.

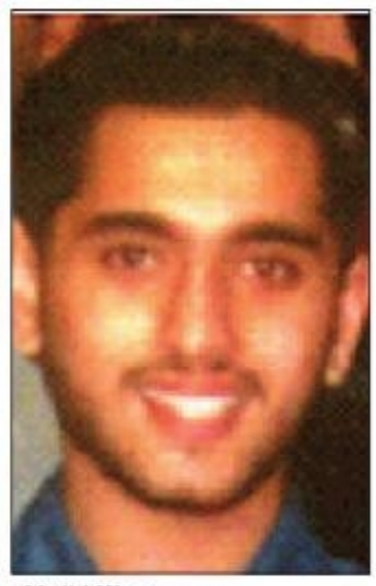
"Once justice has been done I have promised myself I will visit Majid and Anum for the first time after 15 years."

She thanked police officers for their investigation and added that she hoped justice would be done.

Munshi will next appear in court on February 3 next year for a plea and case management hearing.

Her trial is expected to start in April.

• *Anum Khan*



• *Majid Khan*

Groups to plan cultural activity for Christmas Light Festival

FIVE groups from across the city are celebrating after being awarded funding for cultural activity for this year's Christmas Light Festival.

Oxford City Council, with support from MINI Plant Oxford, has been able to offer grants of up to £1,500 for local groups to deliver new and innovative cultural programming for the festive weekend, which is held between November 22 - 24.

A total of £5,600 of funding has been awarded to Lunas Dance Project, Parton & Plath, Film Oxford, Arts at the Old Fire Station and Oxford Contemporary Music. The groups will be putting on a wide range of cultural activity, from walkabout theatre in East Oxford to a programme of fire juggling, themed food and workshop activities in Gloucester Green.

Rachel Capell, city events officer at the council, said: "It is fantastic to be able to support local groups and encourage their involvement with the Christmas Light Festival.

"We saw a wide range of activities proposed by various groups, and we're really excited about the breadth and variety of cultural events on offer."

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A vintage return

LOU Lou's Vintage Fair is returning to Oxford, with 40 of the country's best vintage traders selling clothes and accessories from the 1940s right through to the 1980s.

It is the UK's largest roaming fair, and as well as clothes it will also have craft and home ware, collectables and a beauty salon on offer.

The fair is taking place on November 9, and will be based at Oxford Town Hall.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/oxford-vintage.

And they're off!

STUDENTS from the city's two universities took part in the first ever National Raceday last Saturday.

Oxford University students went to Stratford while undergraduates from Brookes made the short trip to Newbury.

The day was part of an initiative to encourage a younger generation of racing fans.

U's ticket offer

OXFORD United Football Club are offering reduced-price tickets to foster carers and their families from across the county.

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Pair charged with drugs offences

A 25-YEAR-OLD man and 26-year-old woman have been charged in relation to a drugs offence in Oxford.

They were both charged with one count of possession with intent to supply cannabis.

The arrest followed a warrant carried out at an address in Northfield Close, Littlemore, on October 17.

Cash stolen from Cumnor property

CASH was taken from a property in High Street, Cumnor on October 23.

Between 8.30am and 5pm, offenders gained entry by an unlocked door and left with a quantity of money after searching the property.

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Charity concert

A CHARITY concert is taking place at the John Radcliffe Hospital on November 9.

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Tickets cost £10 or £8 for concessions and all proceeds will go to Footsteps Foundation.

Disability charity is praised by PM

By **Jack Johnson**

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AN OXFORD-BASED charity which is run by and for people with learning disabilities is the latest winner of a Big Society Award.

My Life My Choice, who are based at The Jam Factory, has helped to raise levels of self-esteem, confidence and improved the quality of life for people with learning disabilities.

This has been done by providing volunteering, training, employment and social opportunities and the running of various projects such as a nightclub, radio show and a transport buddy scheme to help people travel independently.

A Big Society Award recognises organisations whose innovative and dedicated work improves lives and strengthens communities.

Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I've seen at first hand the great work this organisation does.

"From support using public transport to club nights, 'My Life My Choice' empowers people with learning difficulties to design and run the services they want to see.

• *My Life My Choice members interviewed the Thames Valley PCC Anthony Stansfeld on StingRadio earlier this year (Picture courtesy of My Life My Choice)*

"This Big Society Award recognises the huge difference everyone involved in the charity is making."

The charity also provides specialist advice to local decision makers including MPs, councillors and health officials, on the experience of people with learning difficulties.

Since January 2011, My Life My Choice has supported 55 people through their transport buddy scheme.

In addition, it has launched 'StingRadio', hosted by DJs with learning difficulties.

Dawn Wiltshire, trustee of My Life My Choice said receiving a Big Society Award was "amazing and inspiring news for everyone at the charity".

She added: "We are so glad that the Prime Minister has recognised a charity where people with learning disabilities are doing things and changing things for themselves.

"This award will help our members and volunteers with learning disabilities to continue making a positive and valuable contribution to their communities on a daily basis."

Care home workers scoop dignity award

MANAGEMENT at a Cassington care home has won Age UK's 'Dignity Every Day' award, honouring professional carers who have displayed exceptional qualities in caring for older people.

Home manager Mandy Vettraino and deputy home manager Kathy Plato from Longlands Care Home were announced as the winners, and will collect their awards on November 8.

They were judged by a panel of experts with experience in the care sector, and beat other nominations within the region to take the top prize.

Mandy said: "I'm thrilled to accept this award on behalf of the whole team at Longlands.

"Delivering excellent care is our top priority and winning this award recognises the effort we make every day for our residents."

Debbie Baker, director of operations for Four Seasons Health Care, which runs Longlands, said: "It is important to recognise the hard work that staff put in to make a difference to people's dignity.

"I am very proud of Mandy, Kathy and the team at Longlands Care Home as this is a fantastic achievement."

This was the second time the awards were held by Age UK Oxfordshire, which also recognised junior employees and volunteers working in care homes in the region.

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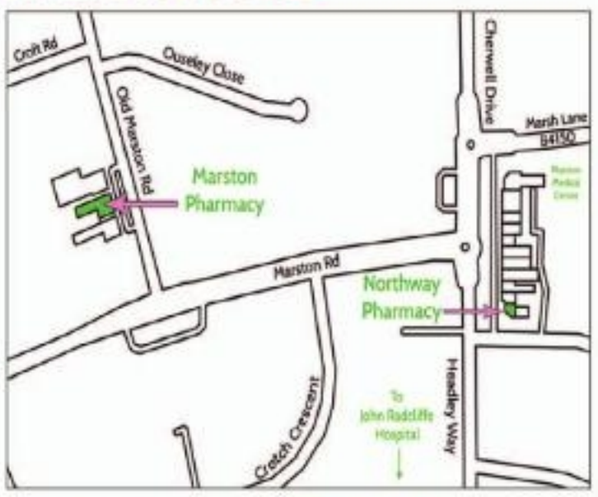

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Safe and well

A 22-YEAR-OLD man who went missing has been found by police.

Tom Hendriks from Church Cowley Road, Oxford, was found safe and well last Friday.

Sarah edged out

A TENNIS player from Oxford just missed out on the chance to go head-to-head with the likes of Rafael Nadal and Ana Ivanovic at next month's Necker Cup.

Sarah Widdowson reached the last 20 of qualifying for the pro-amateur tournament which takes place on Sir Richard Branson's Caribbean island.

The tournament allows advance amateurs to compete with and against pro tennis players.

Rail conference

OXFORD is host to the National Rail Conference on Saturday, to discuss a range of issues including railway investments and expansion to services.

The one-day conference is taking place at Oxford Town Hall and is being hosted by campaign group Railfuture, whose president Christian Wolmar will be chairing the event.

Richard Stow of Railfuture said: "With Oxford set to become one of the major rail hubs in the 21st century, this is the perfect opportunity to bring together all this expertise."

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Nightclub paint scheme compromise is agreed

AN OXFORD nightclub is set to be repainted following discussions between the owner and Oxford City Council's planning department.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Clems Nightclub is situated in the St Clement's conservation area, and council workers have been working with owner Luis Carrera to agree a new colour scheme which does not require planning permission or advertising consent.

Michael Crofton Briggs, head of city development at the council, said: "Officers organised a lot of meetings with the owner to discuss the changes to the outside of the building.

"I am really pleased that our hard work has meant that the owner has shown us the colour scheme that he intends to use and that we have agreed it instead of tackling him through the enforcement process.

"This is a much more effective process for the council, and work is currently underway."

But club manager Bruno Garcia was disappointed with the enforced changes, and would rather it had stayed how it was.

He said: "We thought it was a very nice painting that pleased everybody, and we just wanted to bring a bit of happiness to the area. We had to do what we had to do to please all the parties interested. It's not what we wanted to do.

"Another artist was commissioned to paint it differently but there were so many restrictions that they imposed that it was not worth doing anything. So we decided to paint over it again and go back to the way it was."

Clems artwork originally had the club's name painted in large letters, but the council said this exceeded the maximum height of 75cm and would need advertising consent.

When a subsequent design of cartoon characters and its website address was used, they were told by the council the design was not in keeping with the area.

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Headington girls' rowing success in the States

• *The girls celebrate after winning the First and Second Varsity Eights (Picture courtesy of Headington School)*

SCHOOLGIRLS from Oxford returned home yesterday after a victorious few weeks of rowing on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The squad from Headington School picked up two gold medals at the Head of the Schuylkill in Philadelphia last Sunday following success at the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston a week earlier.

On October 27 they won the Women's High School Fours with Cox and the Women's High School First and Second Varsity Eights.

The winning Headington boat was nearly four seconds ahead of its nearest rival in the Eights.

A week earlier, the squad of 22 recorded three top 20 finishes in Boston and was the fastest non-American boat in every race.

It was the school's first rowing trip in the United States of America and Headmistress Caroline Jordan said: "It was a fantastic weekend of rowing.

"The girls performed extremely well and should be proud of their successes."

Headington School was successful earlier this summer as, between them, Hannah Tomlinson, Helena Lang and Sasha Adwani, all 17-years-old, picked up seven gold medals for Great Britain in Switzerland.

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Surrounded by music

Stage Beauty

CLASSICAL theatre show The Compleat Female Stage Beauty is being staged at the Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday, set in London during the reign of Charles II in 1661.

After decades of austerity, the playhouses have reopened their doors, and crowds flock to see the exquisite beauty and charm of actress, and man, Edward Kynaston.

Tickets for the show cost £16 for an 8pm start. Go to www.cornerstone-arts.org or call 01235 515144 for more details.

Mad Dog Mcrea

WITH their mix of folk, pop, rock, jazz and bluegrass music, Mad Dog Mcrea come to Oxford on Sunday, with a performance at The Bullingdon.

It is part of a 27-date tour taking place throughout November, as they prepare to release their eponymous album in the coming days. For more details, go to www.maddogmcrea.co.uk.

FOLK-POP musician Robbie Boyd and his band return to Oxford as part of a 12-date national tour coming to The Jericho Tavern on Saturday evening.

Robbie has had a busy year, performing live on radio, television and in front of 35,000 people at the Olympic Park supporting McFly and The Feeling.

So far he has released three critically acclaimed EPs, backed up by the recent release of his latest single 'Under My Skin'.

Despite being a solo artist for the first four years of his career, Robbie has been performing with a band for the past two and a half years, working with a number of different musicians.

"Around the time I realised people pay more attention to a band," said Robbie.

"I suppose it brings more life to the songs, and I just really enjoy working with other musicians.

"My mates put a band together for me, and it was an amazing experience.

"I didn't ever want to go back from it.

"Now we're up to seven other musicians, so we just kept expanding."

The number of band members Robbie performs alongside can vary to gig to gig, ranging from two accompanying musicians on stage to seven.

Talking about how he first got into music, Robbie added: "I've always been surrounded by music from my parents and sisters and just loved it.

"I've gone to a lot of gigs in my life and played the guitar from an early age.

"But it was not until four years ago when I started to take it seriously."

The show starts at 7.30pm. For more information, contact The Jericho Tavern on 01865 311775.

Alternatively, visit Robbie's website: www.robbie-boyd.com.

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• *Robbie Boyd brings his national tour to Oxford on Saturday*

Susan Cadogan

ONE of the Caribbean's best-loved singers, Susan Cadogan comes to the Oxford O2 Academy tomorrow, to perform hits from her extensive and celebrated career.

Her previous hits have included 'Love My Life', 'Hurt So Good' and 'Love Me Baby', as the Jamaican-born singer sings all the favourites from over 40 years of showbusiness.

The show starts at 8pm. For more information, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or call 0844 477 2000.

Armstrong is in Oxford

POPULAR actor and comedian Alexander Armstrong is in Oxford on Monday, sharing his love of comedy and music in his brand new stage show.

Playing alongside his band, Alexander performs a selection of his favourite songs, interspersed with anecdotes and his famous self-deprecating humour.

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We love playing in Oxford

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AMERICAN jazz and western swing trio Hot Club of Cowtown arrive in Oxford tomorrow evening, as part of their UK tour running through November.

The trio is made up of Whit Smith, Elana James and Jake Erwin, who have been playing together since 2000, despite a brief hiatus between 2005 and 2008 that only included occasional performances.

Last year they released their latest album 'Rendezvous in Rhythm', and their upcoming show will feature songs from their newest release as well as a variety of old favourites.

"We love playing in Oxford," said Whit. "There is always a positive, vibrant energy flowing between the audience and the band, and we definitely respond well to that.

"Our shows don't follow a written set list, so even though there is a promotional push with 'Rendezvous in Rhythm' which is all acoustic swing, we still play our originals and western swing as well."

As well as coming to the UK, Hot Club of Cowtown have been staging shows internationally, and have toured as musical ambassadors to Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and Oman.

They have also played alongside musical greats including Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson, as well as numerous radio and television appearances.

"Our music happens to be influenced by styles predating rock and roll," Whit added. "That leaves you open to certain stigmas and expectations.

"We are anything but a stodgy group of quaint revivalists, we play by the seat of our pants!

"We solo spontaneously and feel as fresh and original as any contemporary band playing within modern harmony."

Friday's performance starts at 7.30pm. For more information and ticket details, go to the band's website: www.hotclubofcowtown.com.

• *Hot Club of Cowtown make a return visit to Oxford on Friday*

Fleetwood Bac

FLEETWOOD Mac tribute band Fleetwood Bac are on stage at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre this evening, replicating the classic Stevie, Lindsey, Christine, John and Mick line-up.

They have been endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, and have previously been ranked as one of the top-five best tribute acts in the UK.

Tickets for the show cost £12 for an 8pm start.

Go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk or call 01295 297002 for more details or to book your tickets.

Count Dracula

JONATHAN Goddard plays the infamous vampire count Dracula at the North Wall Arts Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday, in this dance spectacular.

The production uses 10 dancers to bring Bram Stoker's haunting tale to life.

Both shows start at 8pm.

Bryan Ferry

RENOWNED musical icon Bryan Ferry is at the Oxford New Theatre on Sunday, for his first major UK tour in six years.

Sunday's show will feature the Bryan Ferry Orchestra, with whom he has just released the highly acclaimed instrumental album 'The Jazz Age', as he performs a selection of songs from his 40-year career.

The show starts at 7pm. For more information, call 0844 871 3020 or visit www.newtheatre-oxford.co.uk.

It's rock and roll Joseph!

THE story of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat is played out at Henley's Kenton Theatre from Friday, told entirely through '50s rock and roll, country and western and calypso music.

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Choosing the perfect venue...

A couple of months sounds a long time. Looked at in detail however it amounts to just eight weeks, and at the end of it is the biggest holiday event of the year.

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November is here and although the sun is occasionally popping up for a cameo appearance getting bookings made for that Christmas bash or hotel stay for any visiting relatives is vitally important to avoid disappointment.

So with deadline time having arrived, what do you do? First off, if you haven't booked yet start looking through these pages and try to get ideas for what you want to do and then get on the phone.

The one booking that all of us seem to get involved in is the Christmas party or the meal out. Whether it is for workmates, family, or friends the basic rules are the same, you have to try to find something that appeals to everyone.

Friends and family should be easy to organize – afterall you have a good idea of everyone's likes and dislikes but the guys and girls you work with can be more of a problem.

Here are a few basic tips:

Where? Well almost certainly, you'll want to find a venue that is near to work so those live a reasonable distance away don't have to shoot home to change before heading back.

Don't forget that many if not all attending will not be driving so it needs to be convenient for taxis, buses or walking. If you're planning on staying in one venue all evening, then it should also be convenient for people getting home later. If the party is going to carry on to other venues afterwards, then you may need to find somewhere centrally located for more bar and club options.

And how big is just right? You'll need a room that can fit in everyone comfortably. Cram them all into a place that's too small and you'll no doubt start to see people leave half-way through the evening. On the other hand, a place too big will see the group start to separate into clicky groups.

Try to check out the venue on a busy weekend night to see how it feels with different groups of people sharing the place.

Food can be a tricky call to make. Some will try anything, some are more set in their ways and probably don't want their first experience of Sushi to be at the Xmas bash. Many restaurants, bars, and pubs have a range of meals outside their speciality, especially at Christmas so get copies of the menus faxed or emailed to you and get them approved early on by those attending.

Finally and possibly most importantly - price. Whether you're in charge of the money or just booking it for everyone, it's a fair bet that you'll have a set budget for the party. Not everyone has the same amount of money to spend so you will need to find a venue that provides value for money, and try to arrange natural breaks in the evening so anyone who has spent enough doesn't feel they look bad by leaving with everyone else still there.

So there you are- a few reminders of what to look for – but looking at the wide range of venues locally we're sure you'll have no problem in finding the right one for you. As long as you start booking right away – all the good stuff will be vanishing quickly!

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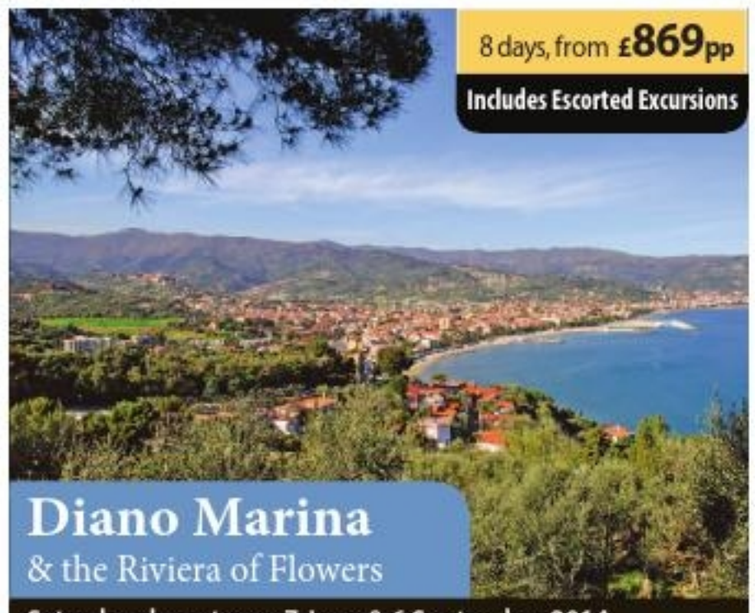

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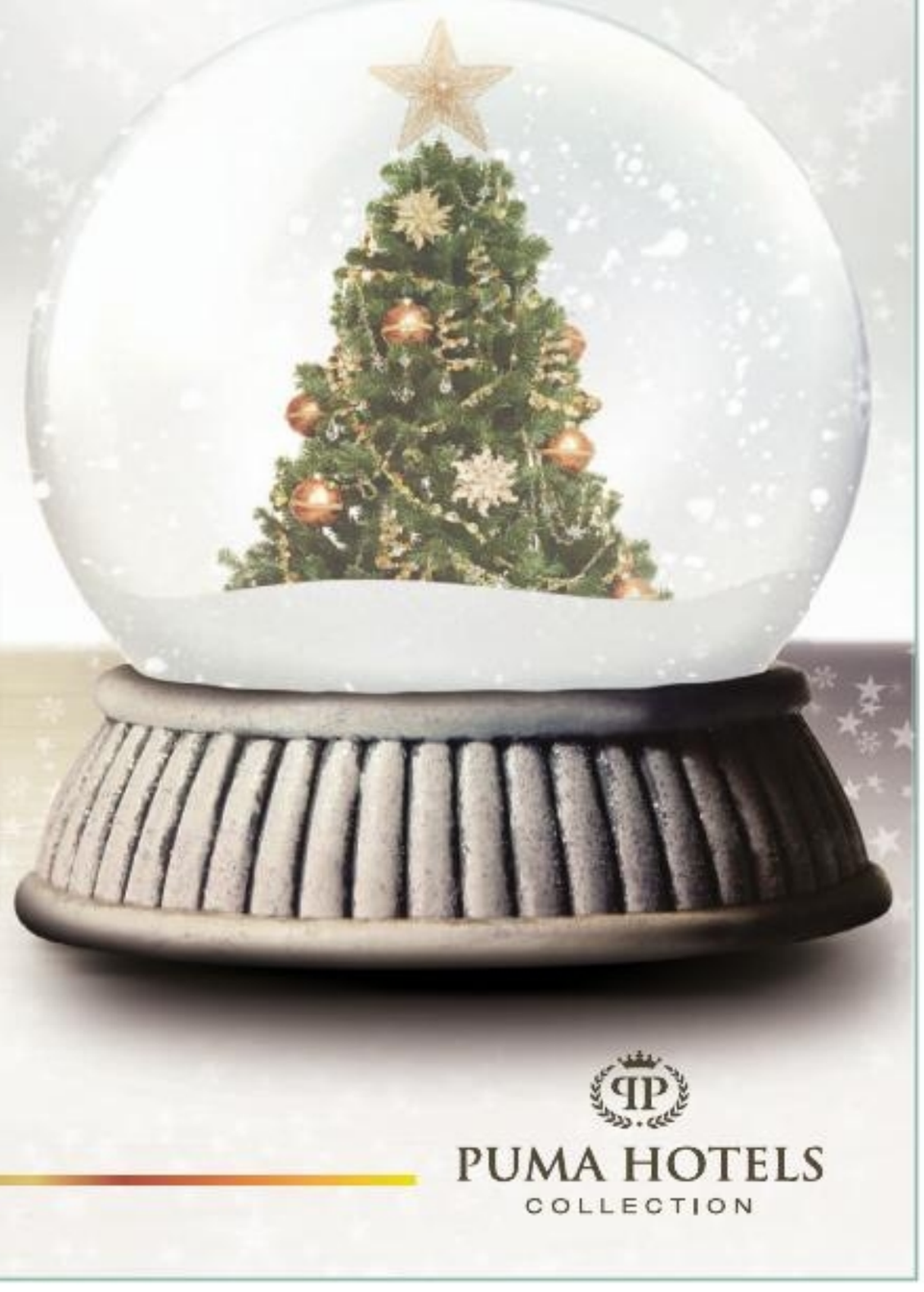

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9 November, 5:55pm
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8				6		9	2	
1	5					7	4	
			7	1		3		6
		1	6				9	
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Superficially emotional (11)
9 Eccentric (3)
10 Instruction (9)
11 Brazilian dance (5)
13 Oozing (7)
14 Whimsical (6)
16 Struggle (6)
18 Tolerates (7)
19 Principle (5)
20 Salt of carbonic acid (9)
21 Sickly pale (3)
22 Searchers for oil or gold (11)

Quick Clues Down

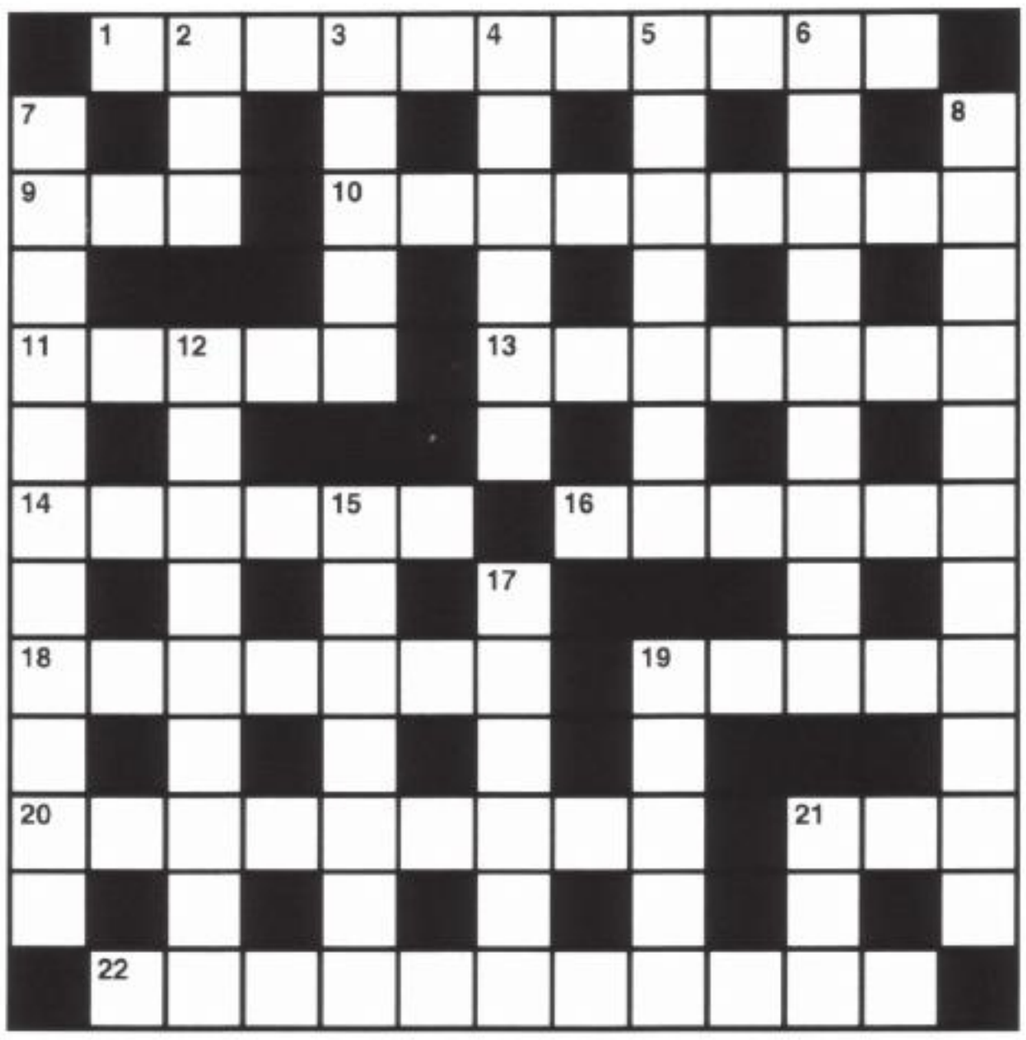
2 Terminate (3)
3 Greek letter (5)
4 Type of dessert (6)
5 Closest (7)
6 Violent motion (9)
7 Effect (11)
8 Exciting curiosity (11)
12 Wanderer (9)
15 Decreases in width (7)
17 Get free (6)
19 Robbery (5)
21 Conflict (3

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Do such people never take a quick look? (4-7)
9 It should look well ahead (3)
10 Shrimps? She'll try to catch her own (9)
11 Places where the collection is brought back (5)
13 The chief one in charge is old-fashioned (7)
14 They just don't have winning ways (6)
16 Struggle to bring the rest round about four (6)
18 Hesitate to speak? (7)
19 If such a cap fits, the dunce should wear it (5)
20 In debt - finished, even? (9)
21 How to find the person (3)
22 This slyness has up-to-date good looks (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 You think it's in but it's not (3)
3 They are simply breathtaking (5)
4 Might it get ahead of the polar explorer? (6)
5 Pluto's pet is a real hag (7)
6 No plait, ie the result of a close shave (9)
7 Card game the French prevent in small US town (7,4)
8 Smart little Kenneth gets the company to work (on egg production?) (7,4)
12 It's made by willing people (9)
15 Change can make me older (7)
17 They sound good men in the kitchen (6)
19 A big shot in the church? (5)
21 Is no longer (3)



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Last week's solutions

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9	5	8	7	2	6	3	1	4
1	3	6	9	4	5	8	7	2

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Obsolescent 9 Hub 10 Diligence 11 River 13 Scalene 14 Handle16 Lessee 18 Oarsman 19 Visit 20 Nobleness 21 Pea 22 Gentlemanly
Down: 2 Bob 3 Order 4 Enlist 5 Cognate 6 Nonsenses 7 Church-going 8 Deferential 12 Venerable 15 Lambent 17 Sneeze 19 Vesta 21 Pal

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Springboard 9 Run 10 Spare time 11 Image 3 Nearest 14 Gusset 16 Remain 18 Harpist 19 Avert 20 Militates 21 Too 22 Paper-hanger
Down: 2 Pan 3 Issue 4 Grains 5 Operate 6 Reiterate 7 Crying shame 8 Destination 12 Australia 15 Epistle 17 Stitch 19 Arson 21 Tie

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REVIEW: KIA PRO_CEE'D GT

By **Philip Shoulder**

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KOREAN car maker Kia has finally joined the hot-hatch party with the pro_cee'd GT.

It certainly looks the part, thanks to sporty, individual styling and steeply raked coupe roofline. Other identifying features include: new front grille and lamp clusters, deeper bumpers, jewel-like four-point LED daytime running lights, new fog lights, dual-exhaust pipes, larger 18-inch alloy wheels, eye-catching red brake calipers and a range of special paint finishes.

Powered by a new version of Kia's 1.6-litre GDi (Gasoline Direct Injection) engine and equipped with a twin-scroll turbocharger, results in 201bhp and 265 Nm of torque. Claimed fuel consumption and emissions are 38.2 mpg and 171g/km CO2.

On the road the blown petrol motor offers good drivability and flexibility, but is also capable of packing quite a punch when required: 0-62 takes 7.4 seconds, with a top speed of 143 mph.

Yet this car isn't harsh or a handful to control either,

However, when the right road presents itself the GT is able to entertain. Throw it through a series of twisty bends and the pro_cee'd GT feels fluid, controlled and planted. Admittedly it's not an ultra responsive thrill-ride like the Vauxhall VXR or Focus ST. The steering might not be brimming with feedback, but does feel neutral and linear – allowing quick changes of direction and accurate placement of the car on the road.

Considering the look of the car, front and rear interior space is generous. Driving position is good, too. Annoyingly though, a built-up foot rest means taller drivers are unable to fully extend their left leg. Other gripes include a steering wheel rather cluttered with buttons and a small back window, which restricts rear vision, although front and rear parking sensors are standard.

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Verdict:

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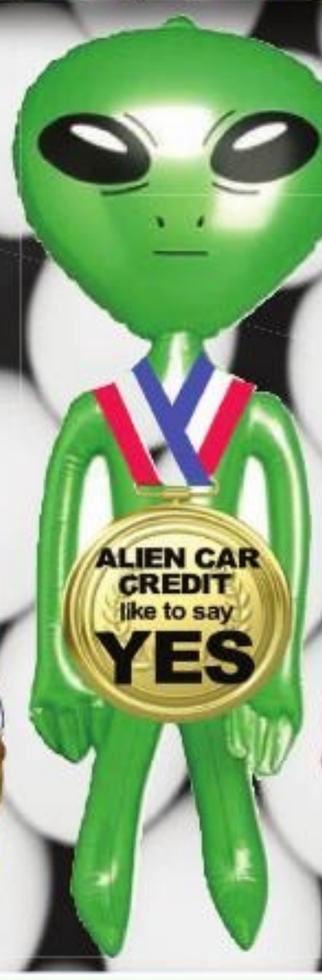

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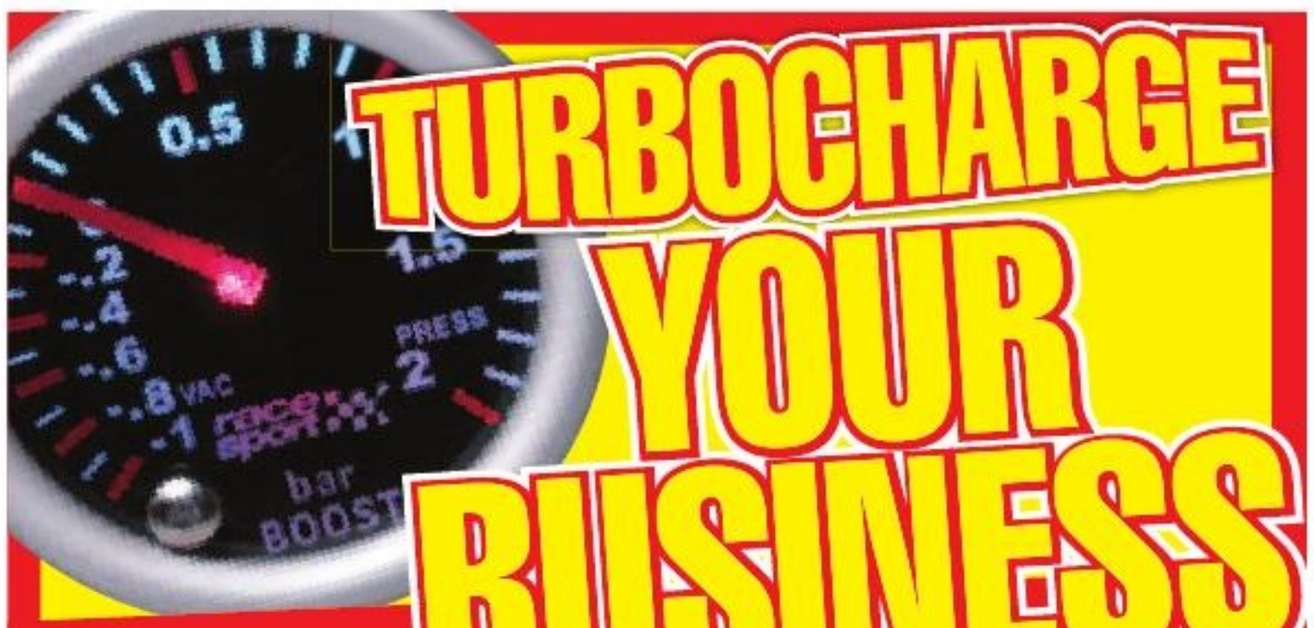

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KITCHEN cupboards, 2 white, £20, 01865 514344

GARDEN table, wooden 4 chairs folds flat good condition, £45, 01865 763878

OAK wall unit, 2 glass display cupboards glass shelf mirrors drawer drinks cupboards bottom cupboards new condition, £90, 01865 751144

OAK sideboard, with drawer and 3 cupboards new condition, £40, 01865 751144

COLLECTOR teddy bears, one boxfull, Offers, 07769 827127

MIRROR, in pine frame 70x90cm good condition, £15, Wantage 01235 799345

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RENA fish tank, illuminated heater air pump etc, £30, 01235 225102

WASHER dryer, gwo 1000rpm clean Bendix Tricity white, £95ono, 077290451104 after 6pm

CAPTAIN Underpants, by Dav Pilkey 7 book cost £5 each as new, £7 total, 07515 701882

PERFUME, Elizabeth Arden Red Door spray 50ml unwanted present, £25, 01235 211853

LADIES bicycle, with 3 speed saddlebag and big wheels older conventional type (70s) in exceptional condition, £99.99, 01865 327635

ANTIQUE shove halfpenny board, wooden with brass line inserts, £30, 07950 719003

HAYNES Honda CR-V, 2002-06 (51-56 reg) petrol diesel workshop manual cost £20, £5, 07515 701882

VTECH Little smart first steps plus, in vgc, £10 ono, 07515 701882

LEC freezer, under the counter 20" wide 24" high 18" depth in excellent working order, £40, 01865 554137

GENTS Chelsea, black leather boots new size 42(8) cost over £100, £50, 01865 554137

LADIES M&S, red velvet jacket size 16 excellent condition little worn, £15, 01865 554137

TV aerial, Curry's One for All never used cost £20, £12, 01865 554137

CONSERVATORY chair, bamboo with seat and back cushion little used and excellent condition, £45, 01865 554137

LADIES M&S, soft green needlecord jacket size 14 excellent condition little worn, £15, 01865 554137

LADIES M&S, black & white check wool jacket size 16 excellent condition little worn, £15, 01865 554137

LADIES M&S, brown needlecord jacket size 16 excellent condition little worn, £15, 018658 554137

CARPETRIGHT carpet, range Emperor (fawn colour) new size 31" wide x 100" long, £30, 01865 554137

GENTS green jacket, medium size polyester and cashmere never worn, £45, 01865 554137

DRESS, Phase Eight dress and top excellent condition worn once. cost £190, £50, 07794809597

MIRROR, lovely ikea mirror zig zag shaped, £20, 07794809597

HEADBOARD, white wood good condition, £25, 07794809597

WANTED, metal car ramps heavy duty & higher than the normal shop type, £0, 07950 719003

PRINCE, The Black Album ex condition, £15, 01189 667940

CHRISTMAS tree, 4' unique wall mounted vgc suit small room, £35, 01235 535393

MATTRESS, Silent Night Miracoil good condition, £50, 01235 766719

STABLE rug, Weatherbeeta quilted 6'3" used few months so excellent condition, £40, 07826 272957

FIREGUARD hardly used £50 01865 768132

LADIES Bike, Universal Epic Raleigh 24" bike, excellent condition, would suit a lady or teenager, 15 gear speed gripshaft,, £35, 01235 203487

HOSTESS food trolley good condition £80 01865 768132

PRINCE The Black album ex condition £15 01189 668940

FRAME tent marechal 3/4 berth porch pop out kitchen vgc £45 01491 202016

BABY stroller £10 01993 773171

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CONSTABLE ON THE VERGE OF HISTORY

Frontman just one goal away from bringing up 100 strikes for the U's

JAMES Constable could net his 100th goal for Oxford United this Saturday when the U's welcome Bristol Rovers to the Kassam Stadium.

By **Jack Johnson**
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The 29-year-old scored his fifth goal of the season in United's 2-0 win over AFC Wimbledon last weekend, a victory that took Chris Wilder's men to the top of League Two on goal difference.

If Beano nets on Saturday he will be only seven goals behind Graham Atkinson, United's all time top scorer.

In fact, he could have reached the landmark last weekend but he blazed over the bar after good work from Deane Smalley, and allowed his strike partner to score United's second from the penalty spot on 82 minutes.

"If I had scored the one before that it would have been nice to get the penalty and try and get a hat-trick," Constable told the club.

"But Deano has had a hard time, he has been out and has worked hard to get himself back in and deserved the goal."

He added: "It was vitally important we got the win.

"We worked on it all week and we needed to get back to winning ways after a couple of draws and it was important we went out there and performed like we did."

However, United were made to work hard for the win with Jake Wright and Michael Raynes making important blocks to earn a fourth clean sheet in a row.

Wilder told the club: "That's just their (Wright and Raynes') natural attitude and how they want to play the game. They want a clean sheet and they want to secure three points. We were under undue pressure that we didn't really need to be under.

"I don't want to burst the bubble but we will have a look at that and we need to rectify it."

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• James Constable could become only the second player in Oxford United's history to reach 100 goals if he nets this weekend (Picture by Steve Daniels)

City's FA Cup dream ends at Dover

OXFORD City fell at the final hurdle of FA Cup qualifying last Saturday with a comprehensive 3-0 defeat to Skrill South side Dover.

Mike Ford's men were outplayed for much of the first half down on the south-east coast, while the defeat ended a four match unbeaten run in all competitions.

City went behind on 20 minutes when Nathan Elder outjumped keeper Victor Francoz to head home while Barry Cogan's free-kick made it two before the break.

The introduction of Steve Basham and Mike Symons in the second half helped to improve City but Sean Raggett tapped home a third on 80 minutes to deny Ford's men a place in the first round.

City, who are second from bottom in the Skrill North, return to league action with a trip to mid-table Harrogate Town this Saturday.

• Jamie Cook lets fly during City's defeat at Dover (Picture by Mike Allen)

Burnell lavishes praise on Exiles' performance

HEAD coach Justin Burnell hailed London Welsh's "fantastic" performance after a 41-6 win over Cornish Pirates in the Greene King IPA Championship last weekend.

Welsh moved two points clear at the top of the league with Seb Jewell, Carl Kirwan, Rob Lewis, Andy Titterrell and Tom May all going over for the Exiles.

Veteran fly-off Gordon Ross also kicked 16 points, helping to end Welsh's run of back-to-back defeats in the B&I Cup.

Burnell said: "I thought it was a fantastic performance.

"We were clinical and whoever we play, that's the level of performance we're looking for."

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